

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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 KJC TRUST, :  
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 Plaintiff :  
 : 25-CV-5805 (VSB)  
 -against- :  
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 REDACTED RESPONDENTS, :  
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 Defendants. :  
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VERNON S. BRODERICK, United States District Judge:

On July 15, 2025, Plaintiff KJC Trust, proceeding pro se, filed a submission labeled as a “Verified Petition for Injunctive Relief, Temporary Restraining Order, Writ of Habeas Corpus, and Other Equitable Relief” against “Redacted Respondents.” (Doc. 1.) The submission states that “Petitioner KJC Trust files this action in its private sovereign capacity to protect the trust corpus, minor beneficiaries, trustees, private financial instruments, and trust property.” (*Id.* ¶ 1.)

An artificial entity, such as a trust, cannot proceed pro se in federal court. *See Rowland v. Cal. Men’s Colony, Unit II Men’s Advisory Council*, 506 U.S. 194, 202-03 (1993). Furthermore, a natural person who is not a lawyer may not bring claims on behalf of an artificial entity. *See United States ex rel. Mergent Servs. v. Flaherty*, 540 F.3d 89, 92 (2d Cir. 2008).

As KJC Trust cannot proceed pro se and cannot be represented by a nonlawyer, I hereby STAY this action for thirty (30) days to permit KJC Trust leave to obtain counsel. If KJC Trust fails to obtain counsel within thirty days, I will dismiss this action.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 18, 2025  
New York, New York



Vernon S. Broderick  
United States District Judge